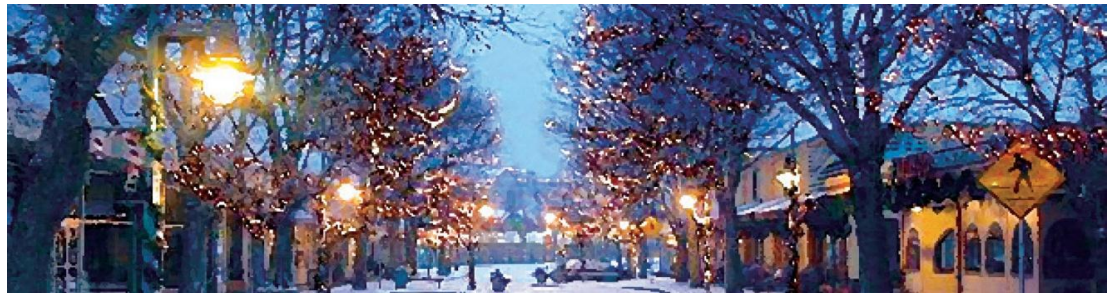




March 25, 2013

Park Lane Pedestrian Enhancements Project Update



Chronology

June 2001

City Council adoption of Kirkland Downtown Strategic Plan.
Park Lane was identified as a key pedestrian corridor linking Park Place, Peter Kirk Park and Kirkland's Waterfront.

August 2008 – February 2009

Extensive community visioning process for Park Lane flexible festival street.

Spring 2010

Implementation of (Phase 1) rubber sidewalk panels and silva cell tree pilot project.

August – September 2012

Business outreach regarding impending Department of Ecology Grant for Phase 2.

December 2012

Notice from State that Pedestrian and Bicycle Grant was not approved.

February 2013

Temporary suspension of new special event permits in the downtown.

City submits State Capital Budget request for funding Phase 2.

City moves away from "festival" street and embraces "flexible" street concept.
Wednesday Market changes location from Park Lane to Marina Park.

Planning

Design

Construction

Complete

Park Lane Pedestrian Enhancements:

- Repair aging and failing infrastructure.
- Increase pedestrian use and accessibility.
- Maintain traffic flow, manage speed, and provide parking.
- Maintain healthy tree canopy and improve surface water quality.
- Enhance Park Lane as a regional destination.

Dear Park Lane Business and Property Owner:

This Project Update is to let you know the City Council is receiving a memo from staff on the funding of the Park Lane Pedestrian Improvements. Staff will be asking for direction on whether or not to move forward with the Department of Ecology (DOE) Grant Agreement. The memo is included in the next City Council meeting packet and can be found online after Thursday, March 28 (go to www.kirklandwa.gov and search Park Lane). Included in this memo is a summary of the input Park Lane Businesses and Property Owners provided last summer when the City received notice of the DOE grant.

City Council Meeting
April 2, 2013 7:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
City Hall, 123 Fifth Street

Background:

In addition to the long term community vision and goals for Park Lane, the primary driver for improving the corridor has been the condition of the existing sidewalks where significant mature tree roots are lifting sidewalk panels. The aging infrastructure is reaching its life expectancy (including deteriorating pavement, lighting, sewer and water main, and storm drainage systems). Three years after the rubber sidewalk installation, the tree roots continue to require continual maintenance.

The redevelopment of the Kirkland Transit Center and the replacement of King County's existing sanitary sewer pump station at 3rd Street and Park Lane have also provided an incentive to bring Park Lane up to today's standards of accessibility and sustainability.

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Projected Schedule

April 2 2013

Council update and decision whether to move forward with the Department of Ecology Grant until future funding is obtained.

April or May 2014

Anticipated notice from State on Capital Budget request results.

Spring 2014

King County Pump Station scheduled completion including flexible street improvements along frontage.



If council decides to move forward with the Department of Ecology Grant:

Spring 2014

Possible construction of flexible street on east end of Park Lane (3rd Street).

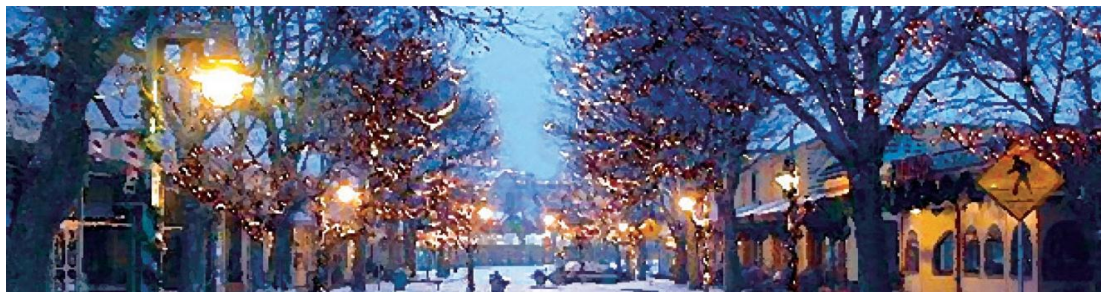
January - March 2015

Possible construction of flexible street on west end of Park Lane (Main Street to Lake Street).

May 2015

Deadline for Department of Ecology Grant related work to be complete.

For more information: Contact Kari Page, Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator at 425-587-3011 or KPage@kirklandwa.gov.



How the City has used your input:

Several Park Lane businesses and property owners have communicated to staff significant concerns regarding special events on Park Lane as well as specific concerns regarding timing and sequencing of construction if the flexible street is to be constructed. Below is an outline of how this input has influenced special events and any planned construction of the flexible street.

Special Events: A majority of businesses voiced concerns around what they felt was currently an “over use” of Park Lane for special events. A petition was signed and submitted by several Park Lane businesses asking for the Wednesday Market to be moved off of Park Lane. Earlier this year, an announcement was made that the Wednesday Market would be moving to Marina Park.

City enacted a temporary freeze, in February 2013, on all newly proposed community events in the downtown. The Kirkland City Council has begun a comprehensive review of Kirkland’s Special Events policies and procedures. This review is in response to several factors, including a proliferation of proposed events in Kirkland for 2013, concerns of some residents and businesses about negative impacts of events, and concerns from some event organizers about the City’s special event permitting process and support. This process is likely to take few months. For more information about this process, contact Sudie Elkayssi, 425-587-3347 or email selkayssi@kirklandwa.gov. A list of all events that have already been approved for downtown, go to the City’s [web site](#) and search Special Events.

Construction Advisory Committee: The word “festival” has been taken out of the description of the planned Park Lane Improvements and the design theme will be a “flexible” street. This change more precisely reflects what staff heard in the summer of 2012 by the majority of businesses along Park Lane. The businesses expressed the desire to expand existing businesses into the plaza created by the flexible street (as opposed to over using the space for special events or outside vendors).

In addition to concerns around festivals, the Park Lane businesses and property owners expressed a strong desire to work closely with the City throughout the final design, construction sequencing, contracting and construction phase. Businesses want to remain open during construction. Most (but not all) feel the months of January and February are the slowest and most adaptable/least impactful for construction. If the Park Lane Pedestrian Enhancements Project is approved, staff will begin working immediately to set up the Construction Advisory Committee with interested businesses. If you are interested in participating on this committee, please contact Kari Page, Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator at 425-587-3011 or KPage@kirklandwa.gov.